B-3234 - B-3242 45-11 Henrietta St. (South side) Baltimore, Md. Private access 1845-1855

This side of Henrietta St., west of Light St., is improved by several different groups of two story plus attic, two bay wide brick houses with gable roofs, built by various local house carpenters including William and Samuel Harman. The houses were built contemporaneously with John S. Gittings's similar rows to the south along Hamburg and Light Streets and were intended for a working class market. Many are currently being renovated.

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XORIGINAL SITE

MOVED DATE

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This group of two story plus attic brick houses with gable roofs formed part of the original row of such houses built along this side of Henrietta St. in the late 1840's * 41 Henrietta St. has been enlarged, the attic story raised to a full height third story. The house has also been covered with formstone. *and early 1850's.

43 and 45 Henrietta St. are two and a half stories in height; 41 Henrietta St. is three stories in height. The houses are 12' wide and occupy lots 67' deep. Each house is one room deep with a two and a half story, one bay wide and deep stair hall extension which connects the main house to a two story high, four bay deep rear addition. 41 Henrietta St. also has an added one story high, one bay deep frame section. The houses are constructed in running bond, although 41 Henrietta St. has been covered with formstone. The low-pitched gable roofs of 43 and 45 Henrietta St. have a simple two-tier brick cornice. The shed roof of the added half story of 41 Henrietta St. has no cornice. 41 and 43 Henrietta St. share a double hooded chimney, located centrally along the partition wall between the two houses, on both the front and rear roof gables. 45 Henrietta St. originally had a double hooded chimney located along the west side of the front gable. 45 Henrietta St. also has a rear end chimney, located at the south-west end of the first two bays of the kitchen addition. A flat-roofed alleyway runs between 41 and 43 Henrietta St.

The houses all have different lintel treatments. 41 Henrietta St. seems to have flat wood lintels and sills, although the original treatment is hidden by the formstone covering. 43 Henrietta St. has a round arched first floor door and window lintel. The second floor windows have splayed brick lintels, and the attic story windows have no lintels. The wide, round arched first floor window has a stone sill; the upper story windows have wood sills. At 45 Henrietta St. the first and second story openings have segmentally arched brick lintels with solid wood tympanums; the attic story windows have splayed brick lintels and brick header sills. The rest of the sills are wood. At 41 and 43 Henrietta St. all of the window openings but one are filled with 1/1 double hung sash. The first floor, round arched window of 43 Henrietta St. is filled with a single upper pane of glass, cut to fit the curve of the arch, set over two vertical panes. At 45 Henrietta St. the first floor window is filled with 6/9 double hung sash, the second floor windows with new 6/6 sash, and the attic story windows with new 3/3 double hung sash. 41 Henrietta St. has a Mission-style oak door set beneath a single light transom which has been filled in with aluminum siding; 43 Henietta St. has a late Victorian six panel door set beneath a round arched single light transom; and 45 Henrietta St. has a modern six panel door set beneath a single light transom. The houses sit on high basements, the entrances being reached by three steps each--stone at 41 Henrietta and brick at 43 and 45 Henrietta. Each house has a rectangular coal opening. That of 41 Henrietta St. has an arched lintel with scroll-sawed tympanum, indicating that such may have been the original form of the window lintels above. The coal openings are located benea the first floor windows.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

SPECIFIC DAT	ES 1850-51	BUILDER/ARCH	Hugh McElderry	
		_INVENTION		
1900-	COMMUNICATIONS	INDUSTRY	POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	_OTHER (SPECIFY)
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_1700-1799	ART	ENGINEERING	MUSIC	THEATER
_1600-1699	_XARCHITECTURE	EDUCATION	MILITARY	_SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
_1500-1599	AGRICULTURE	ECONOMICS	LITERATURE	_SCULPTURE .
1400-1499	_ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	CONSERVATION	_LAW	SCIENCE
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

These houses are significant as being variations on the usual two story plus attic design. Instead of being two rooms deep, with a centrally located staircase, as is common to the rows of such houses built in this area for rental to working class tenants, these houses are one longer room deep with the stairs located in a separate stair hall to the rear of the main house—a floor plan generally seen in much larger three story, gable—roofed houses built for a middle—class market. The houses were built by Hugh McElderry, a lumber merchant who lived on North Calvert St., and who was active in the development of this section of Federal Hill. McElderry also built the nearby houses at 26-30 Wheeling St., and at 11-13 Henrietta St. Like other houses of this type, these houses were designed for a working class market, although they were sold individually. The first owner of 45 Henrietta St. was Edward Sinclair, a ship carpenter and the second owner of 43 Henrietta St. was William Harris, a gunsmith.

¹Baltimore City Directory, 1845

²Ibid., 1853-54, 1858-59

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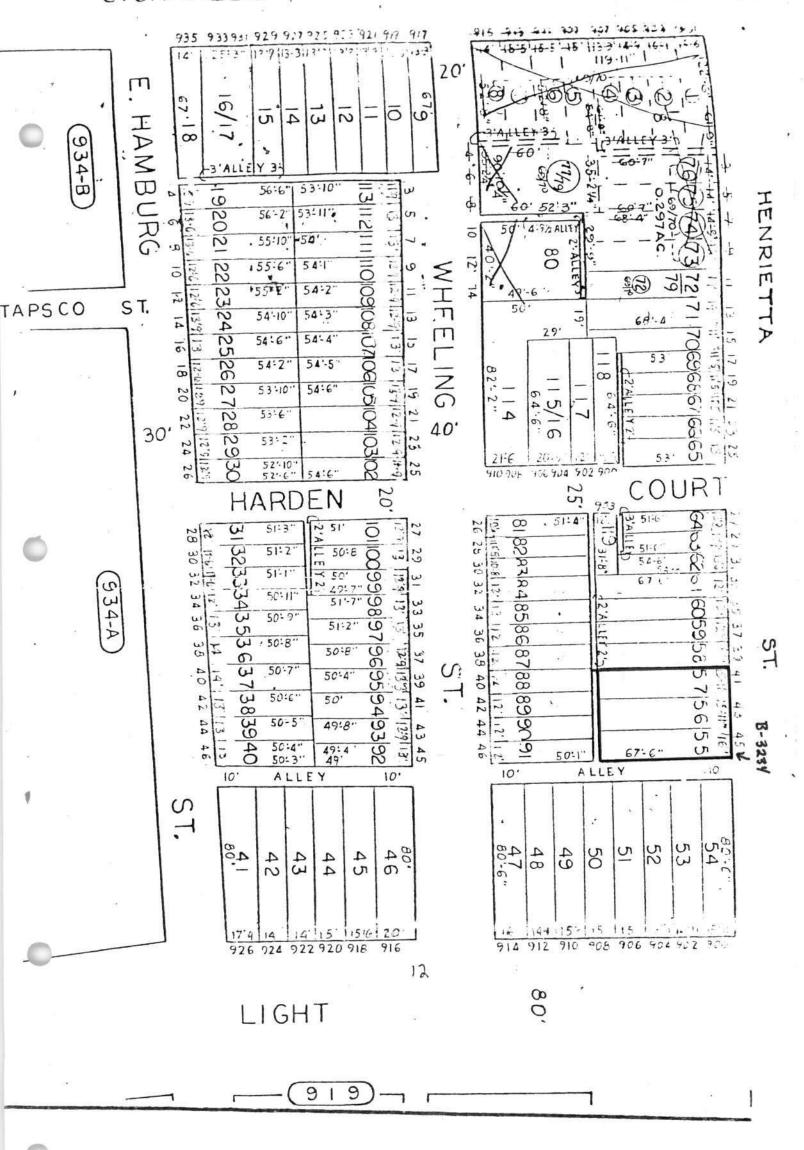
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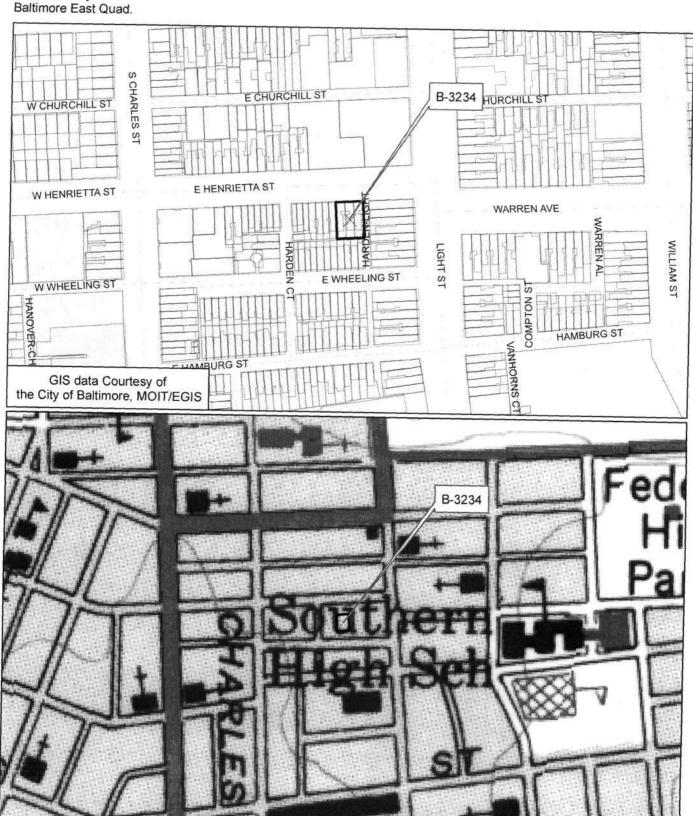
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